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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: BRITISH CITIZEN KILLED

1. DURING COURSE OF INCIDENTS AFTERNOON MARCH 10 INVOLVING "EXPOSURE" OF EPRP ET AL "AGENTS " AT ADDIS TYRE AND CROWN CORK WHICH ALSO SPREAD TO PEPSICOLA (ADDIS 1443), EUROPEAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED WHILE DRIVING ALONG DEBRE ZEIT ROAD, IN VICINITY OF TROUBLE SHOTS. HE WAS IDENTIFIED LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 11 AS WILSON HASTINGS MORTON, BRITISH GEOLOGIST AT UNIVERSITY WHO ACCORDING UK EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN ADDIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AT LEAST TWO ETHIOPIANS WERE ALSO KILLED DURING COURSE OF INCIDENTS. VARIETY OF STORIES ARE CIRCULATING, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH ARE STILL UNCLEAR AND UK EMBASSY IS ENDEAVORING FIND OUT URGENTLY. HOWEVER GIVEN PRESENT SITUATION OF INTENSIVE HUNTS FOR "REACTIONARIES", ARMING OF KEBELE AND WORKERS DEFENCE SQUADS, AND LOCAL PROPENSITY TO SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER, FACT OF MORTONS DEATH FOR WHATEVER REASON, HAS NOT HELPED LEVEL OF TENSION.

2. N.B. BRITISH HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN GAINING ACCESS TO MORGUE IN ORDER POSITIVELY IDENTIFY BODY AND WERE ABLE DO SO ONLY LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 11. IN MEANTIME PRESS HAS STORY INCLUDING NAME AND UK EMBASSY CONCERNED IT WILL BRAKE
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BEFORE NOK NOTIFIED. ACCORDINGLY WE SHOULD KEEP STORY QUIET FOR TIME BEING.

3. IN UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT LATER SAME AFTERNOON MARCH 10, SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNION OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS AND CHAIRMAN OF UNION OF AIR TRANSPORT WORKERS, TSEGAYE YEHUALAW, WAS ASSASSINATED AT BOLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN ADDIS

BY "PAID AGENT OF ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES." BOTH UNIONS
PROMISE TO "TAKE APPROPRIATE REVOLUTIONARY MEASURES "AGAINST
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